COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT~

DATE: January 31, 2002

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE FILE:

FROM:

RICHARD L. CASTRO, COMMANDER

TRAINING DIVISION

TO: RICHARD A. ADAMS, CAPTAIN

MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL

SUBJECT:

EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

USE OF FORCE, SEPTEMBER 12, 2001, IAB REVIEW #2045480

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the review committee's findings and recommendations concerning the use of force incident which occurred on September 12, 2001.

Department policy. Please advise the deputies of this finding.

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		Inc	cident	Information						
URN:	001-0278	32-5100-145		Date	Septemb	er 12, 200	Time:	203	0	
Location:				3000 Hallwa	ıy					
City or Statio	nn:			Men's Centr	ral Jail					
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001-02782-5100-145 URN: Method (FH) Firearm (Handgun) (PO) Personal Weapon (Other) (AW) Arwen (RS) Resistance (BC) Baton: (Control) (FR) Firearm (Rifle) (CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net) (FS) Firearm (Shotgun) (BI) Baton: (impact) (RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs) (FO) Firearm (Other) (BF) **Bodily Fluids** (FB) Flashbang (HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only) (CN) Canine (CR) Carotid Restraint (TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP) (FL) Flashlight (RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt (OE) Other Weapon: Edged (CH) Choke Hold (OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle (SP) Sap (CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques) (OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object (SH) Shield Control Holds: (Team Takedown) (TT)(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown) (OO) Other Weapon: Other (SG) 37mm Stinger (PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick) (SB) Sting Ball (CE) Chemical (OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray) (PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep) (ST) Stun Bag (PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm) (TR) Taser (TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas) (UC) Uncooperative (EX) Explosives (PP) Personal Weapon (Push) Type of Injury **Body Part Injured** (AD) Abdomen (FA) Face Hip (DB) Dog Bite (PA) Paralysis (HI) (AB) Abrasion (AK) Ankle (FE) Feet (IN) Internal (PW) Puncture Wound (BR) Bruise (FR) Fractures (SD) Soft Tissue Damage (AR) Arm (FI) Fingers (KN) Knees (GS) Gunshat (BU) Burn (HB) Human Bite (ST) Sprain/Twists (BK) Back (GE) Genitals (LE) Leg

(UN) Unconscious

(ND) Nerve Damage (RM) Refused Med Treatment

(OD) Organ Damage (NN) NONE

FORCE APPLIED

(LC) Lacerations

(CP) Complaint of Pain

(CO) Concussion

(DI) Dislocation

(DH) Death

(Only One Code Per Block)

(GR) Groin

(HD) Hands

(HE) Head

(NK)

(NO)

(SH)

(WR) Wrist

Neck

Nose

Shoulder

Buttocks

(BT)

(CH) Chest

(EL) Elbow

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E#1	S#1	PH	LC	FA
E#2	S#1	PH	BR	FA
E#3	S#1	PH	BR	HE
E#3	S#1	PK	BR	AD
S#2	E#4	PH	BR	FA
E#4	S#2	PH	BR	HE
E#4	S#2	PK	FR	FA
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E#6	S#2	PK	BR	BK

Supervisor's Report on Use of Farce INVOLVED EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee# Las	st Name	Involved Employee First	Name		Middle Name
Sex: Male Female	Race:	Unit of Assignment:	Work	-	nt (Unit #, Module, etc.): 00 Module
Shift: Day Day PM		egular Shift OT Shift Off Duty	Age:	Height: 600	Weight: 190
Medical Exam/Treatment	☐ If Ad Hos	mitted, Name of pital:	Coroni	er Case #	Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒
Employee# Las	st Name	First	Name		Middle Nam
Sex: ☐ Male ☒ Female	Race:	Unit of Assignment: MCJ	Work		nt (Unit #, Module, etc.) Training Deputy
Shift: Day PM		egular Shift OT Shift Off Duty	Age:	Height: 502	Weight: 115
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Sex: Male Female	Race:	Unit of Assignment:	Work	-	ent (Unit #, Module, etc.) 000 Prowl
Shift: Day PM		tegular Shift OT Shift Off Duty	Age:	Height: 601	Weight: 250
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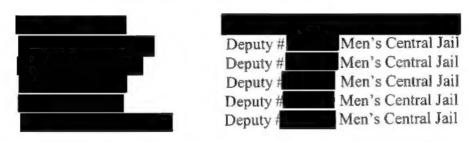
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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY USE OF FORCE HEAD STRIKE, SUSPECT HOSPITALIZED 001-02782-5100-145 FO#2045480

On Friday, September 14, 2001, Sergeants Henry Reyes and Alfred Gonzales of the Internal Affairs Bureau responded to Men's Central Jail regarding a significant use of force incident, head strike. Internal Affairs Bureau Lieutenant Greg Johnson received notification of the incident earlier that morning. Sergeants Reyes and Gonzales learned that the incident occurred on September 12, 2001, at approximately 2030 hours. Sergeants Reyes and Gonzales also learned that Inmate Fager had been hospitalized with a facial fracture. The following summary is based on reports submitted by the involved deputies who declined to speak to Internal Affairs Investigators without representation and interviews of the involved inmates and witnesses.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL



SUSPECT/INMATE:

Fager, Daniel, Gbur, Eric, Booking #6972087 Booking #6974060

Inmate Fager has

Inmate Gbur has

IAB Note: To review copies of Inmate Fager's and Inmate Gbur's criminal history, refer to Exhibit E.

WITNESSES:

Starkey, Daniel, Bearse, Patrick Deputy # Men's Central Jail
Sergeant # Men's Central Jail

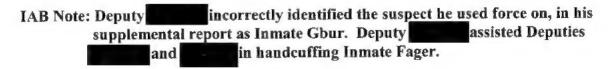
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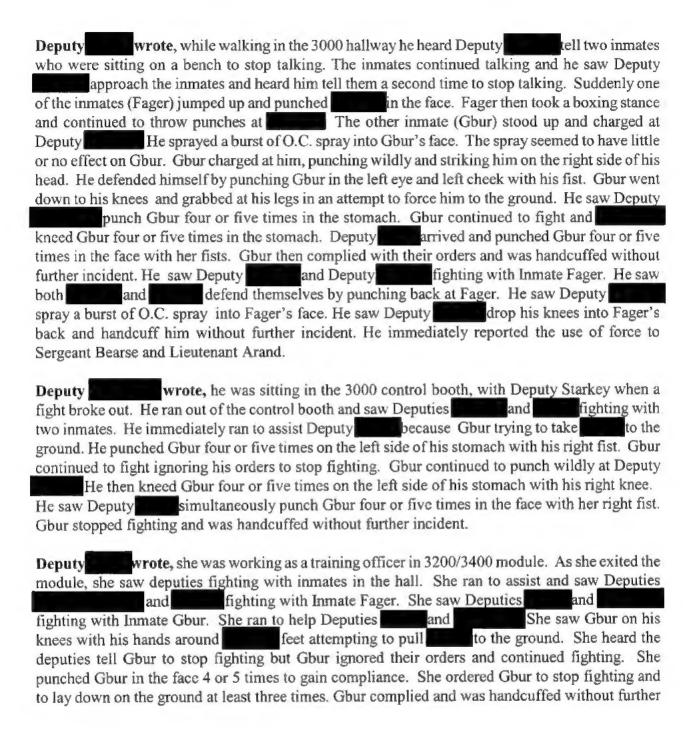
Deputy wrote, he was walking in the 3000 hallway, he saw two inmates sitting on a bench
and heard them talking loudly. He told the inmates that talking was not allowed in the hallway and
he ordered them to stop talking. The inmates ignored him and continued their conversation. He
walked up to the inmates and again ordered them to stop talking. Inmate Fager stood up abruptly
and punched him in the right eye. Fager then punched him several more times striking
him on his upper torso. He defended himself by punching back Fager with both his fists. He landed
six or seven punches to Fager's face. He saw Deputy spray a two or three second burst, of
O.C. spray at Fager's face. Fager lowered his head but continued to throw punches, striking him
several additional times on his upper torso. He grabbed the back of Fager's head and pushed him
toward the ground while he simultaneously hit Fager four or five times in the face with his right
knee. He saw Deputy punch Fager two or three times in the abdomen. He and
pulled Fager to the ground. He ordered Fager to stop fighting but Fager ignored him and continued
to throw punches. He then punched Fager three or four more times in the face and head while
simultaneously punched Fager four or five times in the body. Fager continued to struggle
until Deputy dropped his knees into Fager's back causing him to lay flat on the ground. He
and then handcuffed Fager without further incident. He immediately reported the use of
force to Sergeant Bearse.

IAB Note: To see photographs of 3000 hallway where incident occurred refer to, Exhibit A.

Deputy wrote, he was assigned to the 3000 floor Prowl #2 position, on the night of the
ncident. He saw two inmates sitting on a bench and he heard Deputy
stop talking. One of the inmates (Fager) stood up and punched in the face. He saw
defend himself by punching back at Fager, striking Fager two or three times in the face. He ran over
o them and sprayed a two or three second burst of O.C. spray into Fager's face. Fager continued
o fight and he punched Fager two or three times in the abdomen while punched Fager in
he head and body. He and pulled Fager to the ground and he ordered Fager to stop fighting
and to place his arms behind his back. Fager continued to throw punches at
ounched Fager four or six times in Fager's left torso and back while simultaneously punched
Fager in the head. Deputy arrived and assisted them in handcuffing Fager without further
ncident. He immediately reported the use of force to Sergeant Bearse.

Deputy wrote, he heard someone yell stop fighting. He ran outside his office into the 3000 hallway and saw two deputies fighting on the ground with an inmate. The inmate was attempting to push himself up from the ground. He immediately dropped both his knees on top of the suspect's back and handcuffed the inmate without further incident. He immediately reported the use of force to Sergeant Bearse.





IAB Note: To review copies of the Incident and supplemental reports submitted by the involved deputies refer to, Exhibit B.

WITNESSES STATEMENTS:

Deputy Daniel Starkey said he was assigned to the 3000 Floor, as a Prowl Deputy on the night of
the incident. He was sitting inside the 3000 control booth, relieving the 3000 control booth officer.
He saw two white male inmates, sitting on a bench, a deputy was talking to the inmates.
He saw one of the inmates (Fager) stand up and punch in the face. He saw the
stumble back and saw Inmate Fager take a boxing stance. He saw the other inmate (Gbur) charge
toward Deputy
spraying O.C. Spray in Gbur's face. After being sprayed, Gbur charged at Deputy
attention was divided between watching the deputies fight both Fager and Gbur. He saw Deputy
punch Gbur on the right side of his face twice knocking Gbur to his knees. Deputy
who had been in the control booth, ran out to help. Deputy also arrived and assisted Deputy
in controlling Inmate Gbur. He saw Gbur grab Deputy feet with his hands. He saw
Deputy punch and knee Gbur four or five times in the abdomen. He saw Deputy
punch Gbur four or five times in the face. After Deputy punched Gbur, Gbur quit struggling
and was handcuffed by Deputy without further incident.
He saw Deputies and and fighting with Inmate Fager. He saw Deputy spray Fager
in the face with O.C. spray, Fager continued to fight. He saw Deputy knee Fager in the face
while Deputy simultaneously punched Fager in the abdomen. He saw Deputies and
pull Fager to the floor face down. He saw Deputy place both his knees in Fager's
back when it appeared that Fager was trying to stand up. He saw handcuff Fager without
further incident. Deputy Starkey added that he did not see anyone kick either inmate during the fight.

IAB Note: To review a copy of a supplemental report written by Deputy Starkey refer to, Exhibit B.

Sergeant Bearse said he arrived at the incident as the inmates were being assisted to their feet. He contacted both Inmate Fager and Inmate Gbur. He saw that the inmates had numerous abrasions and lacerations on their faces and heads. Inmate Gbur had a 1½ inch laceration beneath his left eye. He did not see injuries on either suspect that would be consistent with being kicked. He did not see any black shoe marks or boot marks on either of the inmate's head or face. He was present when Lieutenant Arand interviewed Inmates Fager and Gbur. The inmates told them they were involved in a fight with deputies but they did not go into any details. The inmates never mentioned anything about being kicked by any of the deputies. He added that he attempted to locate witnesses to the incident both was unable to locate any witnesses.

SUSPECT/INMATE STATEMENTS.

Inmate Daniel Fager said he and Gbur were playing handball on the roof when he injured his left ankle. Since Gbur witnessed the injury, he and Gbur waited in the 3000 hallway for an injury report to be taken and so that he could receive medical treatment. A deputy started talking "shit" to him and he started talking "shit" back to the deputy. The deputy walked up to him and said, "you're trying to size me up, aren't you." The deputy then slapped him in the face with his (deputies) open hand. He got up and defended himself by punching the deputy. He said several deputies became involved in the fight. He was knocked to ground and kicked repeatedly by unknown deputies. He is unable to identify any of the deputies that attacked him except, the one deputy that initially slapped him. He was kicked in the face, head and ribs and that all of his injuries are from being kicked. The injury to the left side of his face occurred when he was kicked after he was told to place his hands behind his back. He added that he was kicked three times in the face after he was handcuffed by unknown deputies.

Inmate Eric Gbur said he and Inmate Fager were playing handball on the roof when Fager injured his left foot and ankle. While they were waiting for an injury report to be taken in the 3000 hallway, began "talking shit" to Fager. The deputy asked Fager what the difference was between "a Wood and a Skinhead." Fager explained that they were "Skinheads" but they did not consider themselves better than anyone else. The same deputy then walked up to Fager and slapped Fager in the face. He is unsure if Fager defended himself by punching back at the deputy. He is uncertain of what happened after that because he was punched and kicked at least fifty times. He was sprayed with O.C. (Oleoresin Capsicum Spray) in his face. He never attempted to hit any deputy and was sitting on a bench with the incident first started. He was knocked from the bench by unknown deputies and he fell to the ground. He immediately covered up his face with his arms as he was being punched numerous times and kicked in the head and face at least six times by unknown deputies. He received the laceration to his left eye when an unknown deputy kicked him in the eye after he put his hands behind his back. He is not able to identify any of the deputies that attacked him. He added after he was handcuffed, a deputy "stomped on his back," causing an injury to his back.

IAB Note: To review photographs depicting injuries to Inmate Fager and Inmate Gbur refer to, Exhibit C.

IAB Note: When interviewed by Lieutenant Arand and Sergeant Bearse immediately after the incident, neither Inmate Fager nor Gbur ever mentioned being kicked by any of the deputies. When asked as to how they received their injuries, both inmates stated that they could not remember. A copy of the video taped interviews is included in this force incident.

INJURIES:

Inmate Gbur received a 1 ½ inch laceration below his left eye which required several sutures. Gbur also sustained bruising and abrasions to his face, head and back. Inmate Fager received a facial fracture to the right side of his face. Fager also sustained bruising and abrasions to his head and face. The attending physician Dr. Joni Dougherty said the inmate's injuries would be consistent with being punched or blunt force trauma.

IAB Note: To review copies of Inmate Fager's and Gbur's medical report refer to, Exhibit D.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

None

INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS:

Injuries to Inmate Gbur and Fager were photographed.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

Deputies and used Oleoresin Capsicum Spray.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECTS

None

PROPERTY DAMAGE

No property damage reported or observed.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR:

Detective Donald Raworth, Jail Investigations Unit is handling criminal case. At the time of this report no charges had been filed against Inmates Fager or Gbur.

LIGHTING OR WEATHER CONDITIONS

Interior corridor lighting in the hallway.